

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 5, 17 and 18; leaves claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 13-16 unchanged and cancels claims 8-12 and 19-22. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1-7 and 13-18.

Claims 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regards as their invention. Various amendments were made throughout claims 17 and 18 to bring them into conformity with the requirements of 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Therefore, Applicants submit that this rejection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 4 of the Office Action that claims 1-7 and 13-16 are allowed.


Applicants also acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 5 of the Office Action that claims 17 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection. As indicated above, claims 17 and 18 were amended to overcome the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection. Therefore, claims 17 and 18 are allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 1-7 and 13-18 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 1-7 and 13-18 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.40329X00).

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